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Tuscumbia, Alabama,

May seventeenth,

Ninety-four.

My dear Aunt Sally;—

I have been promising myself, ever since we got home, the pleasure of writing to you, and, as my type-writer came yesterday, I hasten to do so at once that you may know how I treasure in my memory the happy days I spent with you and dear Uncle James. How beautiful it is that when we have enjoyed anything very much we can always treasure it in our memory, and so enjoy it forevermore! Teacher and I enjoyed our visit to Hot Springs so much! The evenings we spent at home with you and our new friends were particularly enjoyable. Whenever I think of my visit to Hot Springs I shall recall them with especial pleasure.

A great deal of our time now is being given to thoughts of Chautauqua, and what we may do and see there. I wish you and my dear uncle were going with us. I hear the lake is beautiful, and of course there will be many pleasant people there whom I am sure you would like to know.

Teacher has made arrangements to have the pretty dress which you gave me made immediately. When I wear it I shall think of you, and it will serve as an additional reminder of my visit to Hot Springs; and for it, and your many kind attentions to dear Teacher and me while we were at Hot Springs I wish to express my grateful acknow-

ledgments. Please give my love to Lillie and Irving, and tell them they must kiss you and Uncle James and their papa for me When you see the kind Sisters tell them Helen thinks of them often, and the thought of them, gentle and pure, scattering blessings wherever they go in this troubled world, makes Heaven seem very near. Teacher and mother send much love to you all, in which I join.

Affectionately yours

Helen Keller